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APPLICANTS: Oestreicher et al.

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FOR: A METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DETERMINING WEIGHT
AND POSITION OF A VEHICLE SEAT OCCUPANT

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO: 60,426-268 (97P7720US03)

Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 22, 2003, please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 56.

36.

(Previously Added) Apparatus comprising:

a vehicle seat frame;

b) a plurality of deflectable mounting structures which together bear the entire weight of said frame;

c) a plurality of vehicle occupant weight sensor assemblies, each of said weight sensor assemblies comprising a strain gauge mounted on a corresponding one of said deflectable mounting structures; and

d) a vehicle occupant protection device responsive to said weight sensor assemblies.